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One half of the population will not be affected by the 12.5% utility increase



ORANJESTAD -- During a recent National Social Dialogue between the government, unions, and employer's association, a socialization plan regarding the new electricity and water tariffs was presented. With this plan, it is believed, that 50% of water and electricity users will not experience any effect whatsoever of the tariff increase. This, the government, says is something very unique. For the other half of the population, they have tried to keep the increase as low as possible.

With respect to the increase, this they claim will be done gradually. Those using less than 500 kilowatt hours per month will not experience any effect of the increase. From 501 kw hours up to 1000 kw will not see an increase of 12.5%, but instead a marginal increase of about 5 cents for

each kilowatt hours up to the sum of 26.35 Florins. To avoid using a great deal of electricity will become the new challenge for every user of electricity.

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Tropical Storm Emily breaks up

MIAMI, Florida -- Former Tropical Storm Emily has broken apart after causing floods and damaging hundreds of homes in Haiti.

National Hurricane Center forecasters in Miami, Florida, said yesterday that the storm is now a low pressure system

that is dumping rains over Hispaniola. All watches and warnings have been canceled.

Forecasters said the storm might touch Florida today, though the projected track would keep its center off-shore.

The Social Formation Program will help youngsters choose a better way

ORANJESTAD -- Last week the Aruba Prime Minister presented to Parliament a new law proposition dubbed, "Social Formation." It is believed that this program will have a positive impact on the entire island and especially on young men between ages 18 to 24. It will have a particular impact on those young men who are currently unemployed and who are not attending school and have no high school diploma.

After reviewing the law proposition, the Government Advise Council gave their approval for it to be sent to Parliament for ratification and final approval. Parliament President, Paul Croes received the proposal from



the Prime Minister with the request to give it their highest priority immediately following the Parliamentary recess. The government intends to begin the recruiting process of young men around the last week of August with the in-

tention to start the program in mid September with the first group of youngsters. It is believed that this program will help our young men to choose a better way of life and ultimately a better future for themselves.

Cuba to host Int'l meeting on control and prevention of Dengue



TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras -- A clown performs by a banner urging to fight mosquitos in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Honduran government Friday launched a national campaign to fight mosquitos, vectors of the dengue fever. (AFP PHOTO)

Representatives from prestigious scientific institutions from around the world will participate in the 12th Interna-

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Italy urges NATO to rescue Libya refugees

ROME (AFP) - Italy on Friday urged NATO to help rescue refugees fleeing Libya by sea and called for an inquiry into reports the alliance failed to aid a stricken boat on which dozens were said to have died of dehydration.

NATO's mandate in Libya should be changed "to take into consideration the care and rescue of those who are forced to flee by boat, putting their lives at risk because of combat operations," the foreign ministry said in a statement.

Foreign Minister Franco Frattini later said in a television interview that there was "an obligation to protect desperate civilians put on boats by (Libyan leader Moamer) Kadhafi on boats and sent to die in the Mediterranean."

Hundreds of refugees -- mainly migrant workers from other parts of Africa who were stranded in Libya when the

conflict broke out -- have drowned or died on board rickety boats in desperate crossings from Libya in recent months.

Twenty-five refugees are believed to have choked to death in the engine room of a boat intercepted by Italian coast guards on Monday and taken to the island of Lampedusa -- a rocky outcrop in the middle of the Mediterranean.

Some of the 370 survivors from another boat that arrived in Lampedusa on Thursday after leaving Libya last Friday said dozens who had died of hunger and thirst were thrown overboard, according to Italian media reports.

Italian official sources cited by ANSA said Italy had on Thursday asked for help from a NATO vessel participating in the naval embargo on Libya after being alerted to the stricken refugees by a Cypriot tug that had spotted them.

NATO said it had been told

by Italy on Thursday about a distress call but then confirmed that Italian coast guards had responded to the incident.

But alliance ships patrolling the sea off Libya have been severely criticised for failing to come to the rescue of boats that are often badly overcrowded. In May Britain's Guardian newspaper reported that a boat carrying 72 refugees had left Tripoli on March 25 but was left drifting for 16 days after European and NATO military units apparently ignored pleas for help.

NATO denied that one of its planes had spotted the vessel but ignored it.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva said it would support "full inquiries into any cases where necessary assistance was reportedly not provided by naval units in the vicinity with the ability to conduct rescues."

Obama, Sarkozy, Merkel discuss eurozone crisis

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama discussed the latest development in the eurozone crisis yesterday with France's President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the White House said.

Obama "welcomed the continued leadership of President Sarkozy and Chancellor Merkel in addressing the challenges facing Europe's economy," a White House statement said.

The president spoke to the French and German leaders in separate phone calls as Italy proposed an emergency G-7 meeting while euro lending

costs soared and stock prices plummeted.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi warned after talks with Sarkozy "that the world has entered a global financial crisis that concerns all countries."

The three head of state also condemned Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad Friday, for "indiscriminate" violence against civilians.

The White House said the leaders warned of new measures against the Syrian leader over a brutal crackdown, which saw another 14 people killed yesterday in Ramadan protests in Syria.

Cuba upholds 15-year sentence for US contractor

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba's high court Friday upheld a 15-year sentence imposed on US contractor Alan Gross, who has been in jail since his 2009 arrest on charges of espionage, triggering a swift outcry from Washington.

The rejection of Gross's appeal was a blow to the recent gentle rapprochement between Cuba and the United States, and prompted US government officials to again demanded his immediate release.

Gross, 62, was arrested in December 2009 for bringing satellite phones and equipment to Cuba's Jewish community while working as an independ-

ent contractor for a democracy-building program funded by the US Agency for International Development.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court's chamber for crimes against the state issued a "final decision" rejecting his appeal, according to a statement posted on the Cubadebate (www.cubadebate.cu) official website.

Gross's family were "heartbroken" by the decision and would petition President Raul Castro to "release Alan immediately on humanitarian grounds," his US lawyer, Peter Kahn, said.

German official named to head UN mission in Iraq



UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN leader Ban Ki-moon on Friday named Martin Kobler of Germany as the new head

of the UN mission in Iraq helping the government with efforts to recover from conflict.

Kobler, 58, a former top official at the German foreign ministry with particular expertise in helping countries in conflict, moves from the UN mission in Afghanistan where he was deputy head. He had previously been Germany's ambassador to Iraq.

Kobler replaces Ad Melkert of the Netherlands, who had led the UN mission in Iraq, UNAMI, since July 2009. "The secretary general is grateful for Mr Melkert's leadership of UNAMI," said Ban's spokesman Martin Nesirky.

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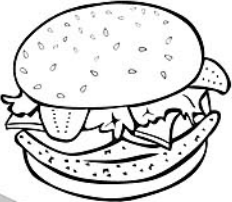
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Hugo Chavez warns of opposition violence

CARACAS, Venezuela -- Opposition groups are preparing to carry out violent, anti-democratic actions leading up to the 2012 elections, President Hugo Chavez said yesterday. The so-called Democratic Unity Council is treacherous, Chavez said in a telephone interview with the Venezolana de Television news channel, calling on the Venezuelan people and the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) to mobilize

for victory.

In recent days, subliminal messages directed at the armed forces have considerably increased, Chavez said, noting that retired military officers in Venezuela and other Latin American countries have been financed by the U.S. government.

Chavez warned that counterrevolutionary forces would try to bring back those former generals who are subordinate

to Washington.

He called on the opposition not to carry out those plans; first, to keep the peace, and second, because the government response would be extremely firm.

The PSUV must be strengthened from the bottom up, he said, urging active participation in a nationwide mobilization that will begin today to conduct a new census among party ranks.

Forecasters predict unusually active hurricane season

Exceptionally warm ocean waters and favorable atmospheric conditions are expected to bring an above-average number of tropical storms and hurricanes to the Atlantic and Caribbean, national weather forecasters predicted yesterday.

The forecast comes as Florida braces for the remnants of Tropical Storm Emily, which has pounded the Caribbean in recent days with rain and winds above 50 mph. The storm weakened considerably Thursday, but is expected to bring some rain and winds to Florida over the weekend.

In its latest outlook, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration raised the number of hurricanes to between seven and 10 — including three to five major hurricanes with winds of at least 111 mph. In May, the agency predicted six to 10.

Altogether, forecasters predict 14 to 19 tropical storms, which include the hurricanes. In May, forecasters predicted 12 to 18 tropical storms. The figure includes the five tropical storms that have already formed since the beginning of the season June 1. The season ends Nov. 30.

Forecasters point to the convergence of several factors in May that bolstered the increased predictions:

A combination of favorable oceanic and atmospheric conditions in the tropics has created a high-activity era since 1995. This, paired with the third warmest water temperatures on record, the possible redevelopment of La Niña, and reduced vertical wind shear and lower air pressure across the tropical Atlantic, has the area poised for a more active season.

"The atmosphere and Atlantic Ocean are primed for high hurricane activity during August through October," said Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center in Washington. "Storms through October will form more frequently and become more intense than we've seen so far this season."

The seasonal outlook has proved beneficial in stating how many storms, hurricanes and major hurricanes will occur over the six-month hurricane season. But it does little in the way of predicting details of devastating storms, said Dennis Feltgen, spokesman for National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"The seasonal outlook cannot tell you when they're going to form, where they're going to form or, more importantly, where they're going to strike land," Feltgen said.

Fishermen train sharks to hunt Lionfish

Divers are training sharks to hunt toxic lionfish, which have invaded a reef near the Island of Roatan, 30 miles off the coast of Honduras, the Faded Tribune reports.

The poisonous fish are not native to the Caribbean, but have flourished after being released from fish tanks.

Desperate to protect their livelihood, local fisherman and divers came up with the idea of training the sharks to eat the lionfish, which they had avoided because of their spikes.


Divers do this by spearing the lionfish, but leaving them alive, so sharks become attracted to their taste.

Los Angeles-based photographer, Antonio Busiello said: "Divers found out that by wounding the lionfish and leaving them to struggle near




sharks, the sharks then become attracted to them. Eventually the sharks learn to recognize the lionfish as prey by themselves. It sounds cruel but lion-

fish are voracious and impact severely on native fish stocks and the livelihoods of local fishermen..."



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Chef Joey in the kitchen



Keshi Yena



Leo Stamper, on half of the Dos Locos



Steak Caballo with plantain and chimichurri sauce

There is ditty that was the theme song of a long-running hit TV series extolling the virtues of frequenting a homey sort of place "where everyone knows your name;" you might find yourself humming it as you sit down to enjoy some authentic local food at "Dos Locos" (Two Crazies) named for their owners, Leo Stamper

and his wife Madeleine.

"People thought we were just a little nuts opening our restaurant in this somewhat out of the way spot," confides Leo, "but it has always been our dream, to share our Aruban food with island visitors." Though actually only a very short stroll from all the Eagle Beach Resorts, Dos Locos is

tucked away on the little side road adjacent to La Quinta Resort, and could easily be overlooked, which would be a pity for those who would like a sample of local cuisine. The menu also features some international favorites, such as Chicken Parmesan and fresh fish, which Leo obtains down at the docks every morning. Be sure to inquire about their Special of the Day.

A simple, cozy spot, it has, since December, garnered a following among residents for his quick service and healthy food using as little oil as possible in their dishes. THE MORNING NEWS team gives their version of one of Aruba's signature dishes, Keshi Yena (Filled Cheese) a big thumbs up, and particularly recommends their homemade desserts. Hamburgers are also made of fresh choice beef when ordered, not frozen patties.

Chef Joey is a woman, and she understands chocolate! What they call chocolate cake

is actually huge, moist and one of the best brownies we have ever had anywhere, just the way we like it. Add a scoop of ice cream and this makes an indulgent meal on its own, or share, as it is too much dessert for one. Same for their quesillo, a heartier regional version of flan, which is also a rich, delicious dessert enough for two.

Dos Locos serves a very reasonably priced breakfast from 10:00 until noon, and lunch, dinner and local snacks from 11:00 AM to 11:30 PM Tuesdays through Sundays; congenial activities that make it a nice place "where everyone knows your name" is Saturday Karaoke



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Trial on resting place for late Venezuela ex-leader delayed

MIAMI, Florida (AFP) - A trial to decide the final resting place for late former Venezuelan president Carlos Andres Perez, scheduled to begin next week, was postponed following a request from the two rival sides, court sources said recently.

The trial was set to begin yesterday in a Miami court, and no new date has been set, said Eunice Sigler, a spokesperson for the 11th Judicial Circuit Court in Miami-Dade County courts.

It is unclear why the attorneys for each side decided to ask for a postponement.

Perez's remains were temporarily buried in Miami's Flager Memorial Park cemetery on June 30 after a bitter legal fight between his longtime companion Cecilia Matos and his family with his first wife, Blanca Rodriguez.

A Florida judge ordered the temporary burial until a trial could be held to decide whether to send the body back to Venezuela for burial or to leave it in the United States.

Perez, who abhorred Venezuela's current president, Hugo Chavez, died of an apparent heart attack in Miami on Christmas day in Miami. He was 88.

The family of Perez's first wife -- whom he never divorced -- and their six children want the body repatriated to Venezuela.

However, Matos and her two daughters with Perez vowed to respect what they say was the late president's wish to return to Venezuela only when "full democracy" was restored.

Perez, Venezuela's president in 1974-1979 and again from 1989-1993, was forced out of office by the Venezuelan Supreme Court on corruption charges. There were two coup attempts during his presidency, including one in 1992 by Chavez.

Perez had been living in Miami with Matos and their daughters, Maria Francia and Cecilia Victoria, since 1999 to avoid a Venezuelan arrest warrant for his role in riots a decade earlier known as the "Caracazo" that left at least 276 people dead.

Special Aruban friends recognized

Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored a group of loyal Aruban friends as Distinguished Visitors and Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba.

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Mr. John and Mrs. Susan Lajoie, and Mr. John and Mrs. Carolynn Lonquil were named Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba, for their more than 20 years visiting our island.

Mrs. Adela Vargas and Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Constance Ki Momiquae were named Distinguished Visitors of Aruba for their more than 10 years vacationing



here. During a small ceremony Aruba Tourism Authority official Ernest Giel pre-

sented the honorees with handsome plaques as a 'thank you' gesture.

Photo shows the hono-

rees flanked by Ernest Giel and Avril of the Divi Phoenix activities department.

Sci-Tech

NASA launches spacecraft Juno toward Jupiter

WASHINGTON (AFP) - NASA yesterday launched the billion-dollar solar-powered spacecraft Juno on a five-year journey to Jupiter in search of what makes up the solar system's biggest planet.

The unmanned satellite observatory propelled into space aboard a 197-foot (60-meter) tall Atlas V rocket, blasting off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida at 12:25 pm (1625 GMT).

"Ignition and liftoff on the Atlas V with Juno on a trek to Jupiter, a planetary piece of the puzzle on the beginning of our solar system," said a NASA television commentator.

Once it arrives in July 2016, the spacecraft will orbit the poles of the gas giant, which has more than twice the mass of all planets in the solar system combined and is believed to be the first planet that took shape around the Sun.

Named after the wife of the Roman god Jupiter, the \$1.1 billion spacecraft is NASA's first mission there since it launched Galileo in 1989, and it aims for 30 orbits over a period of one year.

Juno will get closer to Jupiter than any other NASA

spacecraft and will be the first to undertake a polar orbit of the planet, said Scott Bolton, Juno principal investigator and scientist at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas.

"One of the primary goals of Juno... is (probing) the origin of Jupiter and the origin of our solar system," Bolton said Friday just before the launch.

"Juno is set up to learn about that early part of the solar system and learn how Jupiter formed and by measuring the ingredients, we are really looking for the recipe of planet formation."

NASA's Galileo, an orbiter and probe that launched 22 years ago, entered the planet's orbit in 1995 and plunged into Jupiter in 2003, ending its life.

Other NASA spacecraft -- including Voyager 1 and 2, Ulysses and New Horizons -- have done flybys of the fifth planet from the Sun.

Juno will spend the first two years of its mission going around the Sun, then will return for a flyby of Earth which will give a gravitational boost to accelerate Juno on a three-year path toward Jupiter.

When it gets there, Juno -- orbiting around 5,000 kilometers (3,100 miles) above the gas giant -- will make use of a series of instruments, some of which were provided by European space agency partners Italy, Belgium, France and Denmark, to learn about the workings of the planet and what is inside.

Two key experiments will gauge how much water is in Jupiter and whether the planet "has a core of heavy elements at the center, or whether it is just gas all the way down," Bolton said at a press briefing last week.

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Japanese inventor develops flying sphere drone



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About the size of a beach-ball and jet black, the remote-controlled Spherical Air Vehicle resembles a tiny Death Star from the Star Wars movies but has a more benign purpose -- to transmit

live images from a video camera.

It is powered by a propeller protected by a spherical shield with large openings for airflow, meaning a knock into a wall or a tumble to the ground will not damage it.

Research to improve the device is continuing, but its designer says that in the future it could be used as a formidable pursuit vehicle that can travel above traffic or spy on a target through a window.

Its inventor in pacifist Japan hopes it could also help with non-aggressive operations, such as search and rescue in disaster zones, where it could fly through buildings and even up and down stairways.

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Drug-resistant salmonella found in Europe, Africa: study

--Scientists reported a super-strain of salmonella resistant to antibiotics, notably ciprofloxacin, which is commonly used to treat infections caused by the bacteria.

The researchers called on national and international health authorities to take measures against the superbug "before it spreads globally," as did another variant in the 1990s.

Over the last decade, the virulent new strain, known as S. Kentucky, has shown up in parts of Europe, Africa and the Middle East, according to the study, published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases.

People can be infected with salmonella by eating under-cooked meats and eggs, with symptoms including diarrhea, fever, and abdominal

cramps. Most cases are not severe, but some can lead to hospitalisation and even death.

The fact that about ten percent of the patients in European countries had not recently travelled abroad suggests possible contagion within Europe, but most infections there are thought to originate from consumption of contaminated imported foods.

The S. Kentucky strain was isolated in chickens and turkeys from Ethiopia, Morocco and Nigeria, suggesting that poultry is a key agent of infection, the study said. Cases were also reported in Egypt, mainly between 2002 and 2005.

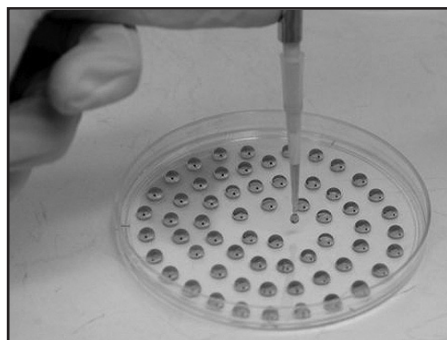
In the United States, meanwhile, health authorities said that another multidrug-resistant strain of the disease, called S. Heidelberg, has killed one person and sickened 77.

The infections were spread across 26 states between March 1 and August 1, with ground turkey the likely source, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a statement.

Salmonella infection represents a major public health problem worldwide, with an estimated 1.7 million infections occurring each year in North America alone. More than 1.6 million cases were reported between 1999 and 2008 in 27 European countries.

The CDC urges consumers to cook meat thoroughly to a final temperature of 74 Celsius (165 degrees Fahrenheit).

Japan scientists coax sperm from stem cells



A scientific researcher manipulates drops of embryonic stem cells in a laboratory, 2009.

--Scientists in Japan said Friday they have for the first time succeeded in coaxing sperm cells from mouse embryonic stem cells, a breakthrough that could one day help humans overcome infertility.

The sperm were used to

fertilize eggs and were found to produce "healthy offspring that grew into fertile male and female adult mice," said the study in a special online edition of the US journal Cell.

Potential use of the technology in humans is at least a decade away, the Kyoto University team said.

But the experiment is exciting because it tackles one of the biggest obstacles in biology - making embryonic stem cells into sperm precursors, known as primordial germ cells, which then can become healthy sperm.

"This is the first (study) to

report the generation of fully functional germline cells from ES (embryonic stem) cells," lead author of the study, Mitunori Saitou, professor at the department of anatomy and cell biology graduate school of medicine, Kyoto University, told AFP by email.

Researchers took mice that were unable to produce normal sperm and injected them with the stem cell-derived primordial germ cells, or PGCs.

These PGCs "produced normal-looking sperm, which were then used to successfully fertilize eggs," said the study.

The team intends to continue studying the technique and its effects in further generations of male and female mice.

Health Tip:

Don't Drive After Drinking

-- Drinking and driving is not only against the law, but it's a major threat to your health -- and that of others on the road.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests how to avoid driving while impaired:

- Before you take your first drink, assign someone to be the designated driver who doesn't drink alcohol at all.

- Don't allow friends to get behind the wheel after they've been drinking; take away their keys, if necessary.

- If you've been drinking, call a cab or find someone to come and pick you up.

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Island glitterati are celebrated at South Beach Lounge



Focus featured Candy and husband Parliamentarian Donny Rasmijn

Aruba's beautiful people were the focus of attention at South Beach Lounge on Wednesday, August 3, and that was quite literally, as popular local social news source, Focus Magazine, launched their newest annual publication, Focus Imagin, with a stylish soiree under the stars honoring the 10 personalities showcased in the new magazine.

Aurora Dijkhoff, publisher

of Focus, every year during holiday season, presents awards to islanders who have been trend-setters and newsmakers in fashion, community work and artistic achievement. Focus Imagin is the summer edition, featuring creative photography, that celebrates those "who embody all we aspire to be in the way of style and talent, and exemplify the philosophy of Focus publications," according to Aurora. The evening inaugurated what will be an annual event for the next 3 years, with Maybelline Cosmetics signing on as a co-sponsor.

The elegant South Beach Lounge was the perfect venue for launching this publication dedicated to island glitterati, who were there in force, enjoying champagne cocktails and dressed to kill. South Beach owner

Banker Pierre Rafini and friends



Focus featured model Maruta with husband Franco



Banker Pierre Rafini and friends

Kanaan Baroud is quite proud that his wife Fatima is one of the featured personalities on the cover, along with Desi Johnson. The other 8 attractive selections are: Angelo Koolman, Nalin Heilbron, Raoul Wijngaarde, Maruta Sneek-Veeris, Pierre Rafini, Candy Rasmijn, Danilo Werleman, and Sharon Puy. They encompass a diversity of professions, from models, such as Maruta, to bankers like Pierre, but all have that sense of style that puts them continually in Focus!

by Rosalie Klein



Aurora with South Beach owner Kanaan Baroud and singer Jairo Boekhoudt

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Aruba Red Cross president travels to Haiti

Reconstruction of three schools to start soon



au-Prince, Haiti. There he will assist his Dutch peers with the organization to construct three schools.

During an interview Alfronso stated "this project had to start in 2010, but after being hit by an earthquake, Haiti suffered several natural disasters. After a tropical storm, the country had to cope with flooding and lots of damage; A cholera epidemic broke out, so consequently, the construction of the schools came to a halt."

Mr. Boekhoudt expressed "he is very happy that the construction work will now start in earnest. The project must be finished in 8 months.

ORANJESTAD – On Wednesday, August 4, Aruba Red Cross President Alfonso Boekhoudt traveled to Port-



Damage in Haiti following the earthquake on 12 January 2010

Dutch Red Cross personnel will control the construction work and other renovation work performed. The funds

collected by Aruba Red Cross were transferred to the Dutch Red Cross, because they are the ones who manage all the funds."

As for the current situation in Haiti, Mr. Boekhoudt believes "it is still very perilous, with a great deal yet to be done. There are citizens who need medical attention, many are without a home and are living in camps for more than a year. But there is still hope - Haiti is continuously receiving foreign aid - but there is still much to be done to alleviate the suffering of the victims of all these disasters."

Haitians heaved a sigh of relief on Thursday as Tropical Storm Emily brought some flooding to the south but was felled by the mountains, sparing quake refugees living in tent cities from more

misery.

By late afternoon, the storm had been downgraded to a trough of low pressure by the US National Hurricane Center (NHC), although it warned the island of Hispaniola could still be soaked by heavy rains.

The capital Port-au-Prince appeared to have escaped the brunt of the winds and rain, but officials said 300 families had been flooded in the north and heavy rains battered the southern towns of Jacmel and Cayes.

There were still fears the wet conditions could bring tragedy, as the hillsides around the island are mostly bare, having been long since stripped of trees in the hunt for fuel and building materials.



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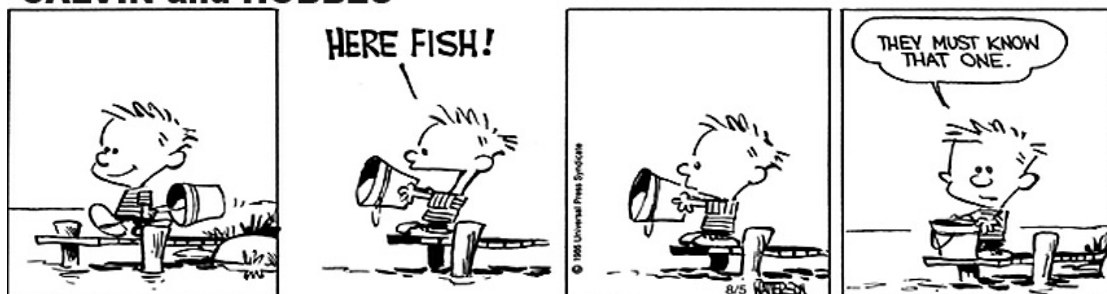
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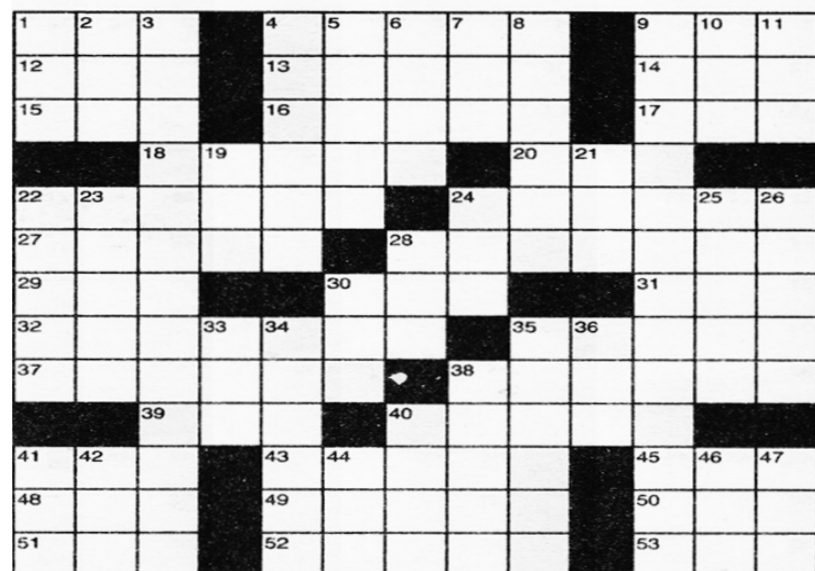
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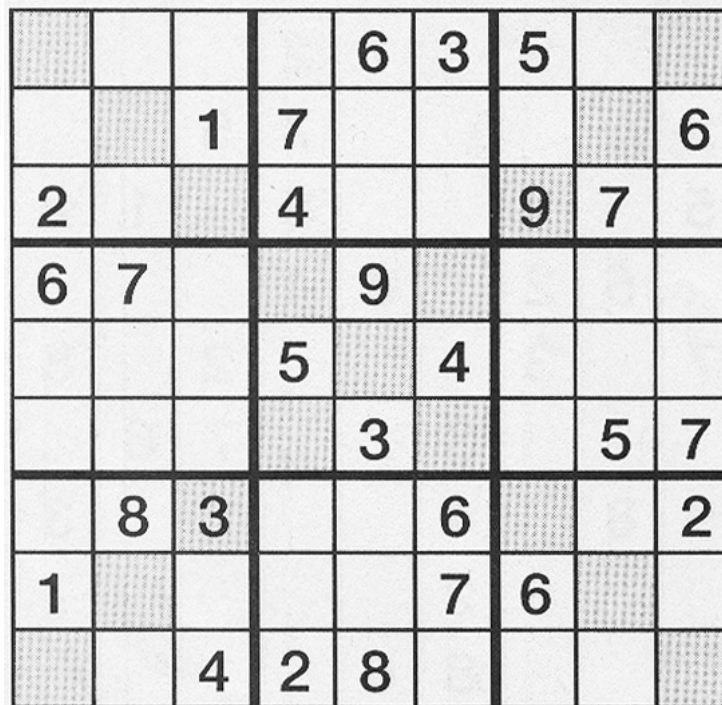
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Italy calls for emergency G7 to stem euro turmoil

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Italy called Friday for emergency G7 talks and the EU worked "night and day" to ready new rescue funding as eurozone lending costs soared and stocks plunged on alarm over a possible renewed global recession.

As Europe scrambled to head off pressure on the single currency zone, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said after telephone talks with President Nicolas Sarkozy that G7 finance ministers would meet "in a few days".

"The situation is very difficult and requires coordinated action. We have to recognise that the world has entered a global financial crisis that concerns all countries," Berlusconi said after talks with several European leaders.

Italy, which along with other euro giant Spain is in the eye of a financial storm, will speed up implementation of a package of austerity measures aimed at achieving budget balance, Berlusconi also said in Rome after a wave of market panic.

Italian shares plunged over 13 percent this week, while investors scared the country's slow growth means it will get caught up in a debt trap sold off their bonds, sending rates of return over 6 percent.

Seeking to soothe tension after contagion even began to threaten France on the bond market, the EU's economic affairs commissioner Olli Rehn rushed back to Brussels and

announced he will propose new, common 'Euro-bonds' next month.

Until now taboo, these would allow eurozone governments to raise funds needed to run their countries based on guarantees from the entire 17-country bloc of 332 million

people.

The European Commission, the European Central Bank and the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF) are each "working night and day to put flesh on the bones" of an agreement struck at a July 21 summit.

Obama signs stopgap aviation measure

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Friday signed into a law a stopgap measure to end a costly dispute that shut airport construction and halted tax payments by airlines, the White House said.

The arrangement saw the Democratic-led Senate pass the Republican-run House of Representatives' version of legislation to fund the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to September 16.

The cash crunch had forced the FAA to temporarily lay off 4,000 non-essential personnel and halt work for 70,000 workers on airport construction projects, though top officials say air safety was not at risk.

The FAA has for several years been struggling by on more than 20 temporary funding grants from the government amid a row between Democrats and Republicans over conditions for its long-term funding.

But with Congress consumed by a crisis over raising the US government borrowing limit, averted by a last-minute deal, lawmakers had left for their summer break earlier this week without dealing with the FAA's cash crunch.

The Senate and House have been at odds over subsidies for rural air services -- notably benefiting the home states of some powerful Democratic senators -- and a dispute over labor standards and unions in the aviation industry.

In addition to keeping large numbers of workers off the job on repairing crumbling aviation infrastructure, the dispute was costing the government \$200 million a week in lost tax revenues.

Airlines were still collecting taxes on tickets sold but may not be keen to give it back to the government, even after Congress is expected to restore funding when it returns to work in September, Obama warned earlier this week.

NEW YORK (AFP) - The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.54 percent on Friday to close at 11,444.61 after a roller-coaster day on the markets, ending the week with steep losses. The broader S&P 500 was down 0.06 percent to 1,199.38, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite fell 0.94 percent to 2,532.41. Stocks experienced wild swings after a better-than-expected US jobs report, hints of progress in Europe's debt crisis and a rumor -- which ultimately did not bear fruit -- that the Standard & Poor's ratings agency would downgrade the United States' sovereign debt rating. Early Friday, the US Labor Department reported that the country's economy generated 117,000 jobs in July, cutting the official unemployment rate down a notch to 9.1 percent. Economists had forecast only a net 84,000 jobs generated. US financial stocks were hammered amid fears of contagion from Europe's debt crisis, with Bank of America plunging 7.5 percent and Citigroup falling 3.9 percent. Bond prices, which rallied this week amid the global stock sell-off, fell on Friday.

New US jobs surprise with 117,000 surge in July



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US economy added a higher-than-expected 117,000 jobs in July, slightly reducing the unemployment rate in a rare bit of good news for the struggling economy, the Labor Department said Friday.

But economists said it was barely a dent in the overall jobless number, and warned the economy still appeared very weak.

The private sector generated 154,000 jobs in July, easily offsetting a loss of 37,000 positions in the public sector -- many of which came after the Minnesota state government shut down in a raging political fight over spending and union benefits.

The net figure was much better than the 84,000 jobs economists had forecast.

But nearly 14 million Americans remain out of work by the official figure, which does not count millions more who have dropped out

of the jobs market entirely in the past two years.

"The July jobs report was not as bad as May and June. That's about the best that we can say for it," said Nigel Gault of IHS.

President Barack Obama, under assault from opposition Republicans for the weak economy, welcomed the data but warned the unemployment rate was still too high at 9.1 percent, down from 9.2 percent in June.

The Labor Department revised the figures for June to 46,000 net jobs (from 25,000) and for May, 53,000 (from 18,000).

Though much brighter than before, the three-month average remains well below the estimated 100,000 or more needed just to accommodate new entrants to the workforce to meet the growing population -- much less to cut the overall number of jobless Americans.

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Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.



Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.
- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.
- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.
- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.
- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.
- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.
- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.
- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.
- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website www.ArubaAloe.com

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Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships, they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.



Young chef hots up northern France with sensual cooking



LA MADELAINE-SOUS-MONTREUIL, France (AFP)

- Eating at Alexandre Gauthier's restaurant should put customers in the mood for making love "otherwise it did not work," said the young chef whose cuisine is luring foodies from far and wide to the north of

France.

The 32-year-old, perhaps better known abroad than at home, offers the unexpected at his Michelin-starred La Grenouillere (The Frogpond), with gently cooked foods designed to arouse customers with their fresh, "wild" flavours.

Though he took over the inn from his father only eight years ago, Gauthier quickly won attention and is listed among the top 100 restaurants in the world in the British restaurant guide "Restaurant".

The establishment itself, in a cosy village in France's northernmost Pas-de-Calais department, plays a role in Gauthier's vision. Open since 1900, it used to be "a bit of a naughty" venue, he said, where customers were more likely to dine with their mistresses than their wives.

His own menu is edgy, with focus on the purity of ingredients and textures. He shuns all spice except pepper.

Typical is his lobster barely smoked over juniper branches. As it's brought to the table, a

few branches are set alight to create a sensual, pungent aroma. He also combines diced avocado and raw monkfish -- a fish the French rarely serve raw -- without the traditional lemon but steeped in a seaweed-infused broth, redolent of seaside holidays.

"You've got to be ready not to please everyone, but that's the choice we've made," said the chef who darts about everywhere with spoons tucked into his jeans pocket, ready to taste and mix his dishes.



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Mr. Bean star Atkinson released from hospital after crash



LONDON (AFP) - British comedy actor Rowan Atkinson, best known for the character Mr. Bean, was released from hospital yesterday after being treated for an injury sustained when his supercar crashed into a tree.

Atkinson is thought to have suffered a minor shoulder injury after the McLaren F1 car he was driving spun off the road Thursday near the village of Haddon, eastern England, before crashing into a tree and bursting into flames.

The 56-year-old car enthusiast walked away from the accident before firefighters arrived and put out the blaze, emergency services said.



A local police spokesman said officers were "called to the scene of a single vehicle collision on the A605 near Haddon. The driver of the vehicle, a man, was taken to Peterborough City Hospital."

A police source confirmed the man involved was Atkinson.

An ambulance spokesman said he had suffered "a minor shoulder injury."

The actor's love of fast cars is a stark contrast to his hapless character in the Mr. Bean series, who drives an ageing Mini.

The McLaren F1 is one of the fastest production cars in the world and has a top speed of 230 miles (370 kilometres)

per hour. It is worth around £650,000 (\$1.05 million, 750,000 euros).

Atkinson recently appeared in popular British TV motoring show "Top Gear", taking part in a segment called "Star in a Reasonably Priced Car."

He notched up the fastest ever time on the show, completing a circuit of a race track in one minute, 42.2 seconds.

Atkinson rose to stardom in comedy shows including "Blackadder" and "Not the Nine O'Clock News" but achieved huge international fame with the slapstick comedy of Mr. Bean.

Paul McCartney says press hacked his phone



file photo/AFP -Paul McCartney and Heather Mills in July 2005.

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Ex-Beatle Paul McCartney said he will contact authorities about the "horrendous violation of privacy" over the British press's alleged hacking of his phone, the Los Angeles Times reported.

"I'll tell you that when I go back after this tour, I'm going to talk to the police because I apparently have been hacked," McCartney said, according to entertainment industry website The Wrap.

The statement came a day after his ex-wife, Heather Mills, said a journalist from

the Mirror group of papers admitted to hacking her phone.

In an interview with the BBC on Wednesday, Mills alleged that a journalist confessed to phone hacking in 2001 after she confronted him over his knowledge of details about a fight she had in private with McCartney, then her boyfriend.

The telephone hacking scandal has gripped Britain for weeks and currently surrounds the domestic tabloid News of the World, whose owner Rupert Murdoch folded the paper in July amid the controversy.

Athletics: Rudisha, Robles lay down markers, Powell out



2011 AFP file photo of Asafa Powell

LONDON (AFP) - Asafa Powell, the fastest man in the world this year, withdrew from the London Diamond League meeting just hours before he was due to run in the 100 metres at Crystal Palace on Friday.

But the two-day meet, taking place just three weeks before the world championships in South Korea, witnessed a string of impressive performances from world record holders David Rudisha in the 800m and 110m hurdles star Dayron Robles.

Jamaican sprint star Powell said he could not afford to risk a troublesome groin injury ahead of the World Championships in Daegu later this month.

"I've had some tightness in

my groin since (competing in) Budapest last weekend," 28-year-old Powell said.

"I am focusing on Daegu and as much as I'd like to run tonight, I just can't take the risk with the major championships three weeks away." Kenya's Rudisha marked his British debut by setting a new UK all-comers' record of 1min 42.91sec in the 800m and held off Sudanese rival Abubaker Kaki to extend his unbeaten run to 30 races.

Cuban hurdler Robles shrugged off recent injury worries to take victory in 13.04sec, edging America's Jason Richardson with David Oliver having to be happy with third spot.

In the absence of Powell, it was fellow Jamaican Yohan

Blake who took the 100m in a time of 9.95sec, achieved against a strong headwind.

Another Jamaican Nesta Carter was second in 10.01sec with America's Michael Rodgers third in 10.04sec.

"It's a wonderful performance in these conditions. I was feeling great. I have to thank my coach and (world record holder and Olympic champion) Usain Bolt for his help," said Blake.

Grenada's world junior champion Kirani James, just 18 years old, won the men's 400m in 44.61sec, the best time of the season.

In the women's 400m hurdles, Jamaica's Kaliese Spencer clocked the fastest time in two years and 10th best of all time when she stormed to victory in 52.79sec, finishing ahead of compatriot and Olympic and world champion Melaine Walker.

"I'm in great shape. I wanted a personal best. There's three more weeks before the world championships and I am hopeful of putting in a faster time," said Spencer.

Australia's Mitchell Watt won the long jump in 8.45m while Britain's middle-distance medal hope Mo Farah, the European 5000m and 10,000m champion, delighted the home crowd with a convincing 3,000m victory.

Stepanek upsets fifth seed Verdasco

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic advanced to the semi-finals of the \$1.4 mil-



lion ATP Washington Classic on Friday by eliminating Spanish fifth seed Fernando Verdasco 6-4, 6-4.

Stepanek will play Saturday against the winner of a later match between seventh-seeded Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis, last year's Washington runner-up, and 128th-ranked Donald Young, an American seeking his first

ATP smei-final berth.

French top seed Gael Monfils will meet Serbian sixth seed Janko Tipsarevic and Serbian third seed Viktor Troicki will face 35th-ranked American John Isner in later quarter-finals at the hardcourt tuneup event for the US Open.

Stepanek, who at 54th in the ranking was 35 spots below the Spanish left-hander, broke Verdasco in the fifth game and never faced a break point, taking the first set on back to back service winners.

The 32-year-old Czech denied Verdasco on 7-of-8 break points in the second set to win after one hour and 51 minutes.

Stepanek won his first three matches against Verdasco but had lost three in a row since to the 19th-ranked Spaniard, most recently a five-setter in the first round in June at Wimbledon.



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Taylor lays down England marker



LONDON (AFP) - England Lions captain James Taylor maintained his bid for a place in next week's third Test squad against India after just falling short of a hundred in the drawn match with Sri Lanka A at Scarborough on Friday.

Taylor has been spoken of as a possible replacement for Jonathan Trott if the batsman fails to recover in time from a shoulder injury suffered fielding in the second Test at Trent Bridge, where England won by 319 runs to go 2-0 up in the four-match series, for the third Test starting at Edgbaston on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old Leicestershire right-hander followed

his first innings 76 with a fluent 98 before he was bowled by Sachithra Serasinghe.

Taylor's dismissal ended a 146-run stand with Yorkshire wicketkeeper-batsman Jonathan Bairstow, who made 109 not out from 133 balls.

That enabled the Lions to declare at 415 for five and set the tourists a notional victory target of 326 from 43 overs.

The Sri Lankans did not attempt to run down the target and finished on 127 for none on the final day of this four-day match.

"It was important that James Taylor and I put in a solid performance today to give us a big enough lead and it was a shame that James didn't quite get his hundred," added Bairstow, the son of former Yorkshire and England wicketkeeper David Bairstow. The first match in the one-day series between the England Lions and Sri Lanka A is due to be played at Worcester on August 12. England will name their third Test squad on Saturday.

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Woods to start PGA alongside Love, Harrington



ATLANTA (AFP) - Tiger Woods will make his major return after missing the US and British Opens with injuries next Thursday off the 10th tee at Atlanta Athletic Club alongside Padraig Harrington and Davis Love.

Pairings for next week's 93rd PGA Championship were announced on Friday by the PGA of America, which booked Woods for an 8:35 a.m. local start on the back nine with Harrington, the 2008 PGA winner, and Love, who won the event in 1997.

The trio will tee off in the second round on Friday afternoon at 1:45 off the first tee.

Another showcase group

will feature the year's three prior major winners, Masters winner Charl Schwartzel of South Africa and Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, the British Open champion, and Rory McIlroy, the US Open winner.

They start Thursday off the first tee at 1:45 and Friday at 8:35 a.m. off the 10th tee.

Germany's Martin Kaymer, who won the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits, will join South Korean Yang Yong-Eun, who became the first Asian man to win a major title by taking the 2009 PGA, and 2003 PGA winner Shaun Micheel of the United States.

Kaymer's group starts at 1:15 p.m. Thursday off the first tee and 8:05 a.m. Friday off the 10th tee.

David Toms, who won the 2001 PGA Championship contested at Atlanta Athletic Club, will be paired with 2005 PGA Championship winner Phil Mickelson, whom Toms edged for the title a decade ago, and Fiji's Vijay Singh, a two-time PGA winner.

World No. 1 Luke Donald of England will be paired for the first two days with American Nick Watney and Spain's Alvaro Quiros.

Australian Adam Scott, whose new caddie Steve Williams was dumped last month by Tiger Woods, will be paired with teen stars Ryo Ishikawa of Japan and Matteo Manassero of Italy.



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Fish sees US hope despite Slam drought

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US No. 1 Mardy Fish sees hope for the first Grand Slam singles victory by an American man since Andy Roddick at the 2003 US Open despite a stranglehold by today's European stars on the top prizes in tennis.

World No. 1 Novak Djokovic, the reigning Wimbledon and Australian Open champion from Serbia, No. 2 Rafael Nadal of Spain and Swiss No. 3 Roger Federer have between them won 25 of the past 26 Grand Slam men's singles crowns.

"It's as tough now as it has ever been for one of the guys outside that top group to win

a Slam," Fish, 29, said Friday.

"The top three or four guys now are playing a lot better than everyone else. A lot of guys in the top 20, top 15, can beat one of them on any given day. It is going to take beating two or three of the top guys to win a Slam."

When it comes to ending the American men's Grand Slam drought, eighth-ranked Fish has some faith in himself and his compatriots.

"I certainly think it can happen," he said.

Fish would love to be the one to make it happen, but he has only a 41-34 career Slam mark and has never gone past the quarter-finals at a Grand Slam, cracking the last eight only this year at Wimbledon

Feyenoord give Koeman winning start

THE HAGUE (AFP) - New Feyenoord coach Ronald Koeman enjoyed a winning start on Friday as his team defeated Rotterdam city rivals Excelsior 2-0 on the opening night of the Dutch league season.

Guyon Fernandez, who joined from Excelsior in the summer, scored the first goal on 56 minutes with a Leen van Steensel own goal securing the three points 15 minutes later.

Former Feyenoord player Koeman has the job of improving the club's disastrous form of last season which saw them struggle to a 10th-place finish.

plus the 2007 Australian Open and 2008 US Open.

"I'd still like to make it past the quarter-finals of a Grand Slam and the US Open would be a perfect one for that," Fish said.

For the moment, Fish sees defending champion Nadal as the man to beat, noting, "Nadal is someone who changed his game to play in New York" and citing 2009 US Open winner Juan Martin del Potro, who broke the top-three Slam lock.

"Del Potro is healthy again. Andy (Roddick) is a tough out there. (Djokovic) hasn't shown that guys can beat him (but) I don't think he's going to go 85-1 the rest of the year. It will be exciting.

"I'll certainly be in the mix. I feel like I can beat anybody in the tournament on that surface."



WEYMOUTH, ENGLAND - Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark of Great Britain in action during a 470 Womens Class race during day four of the Weymouth and Portland International Regatta at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy yesterday in Weymouth, England. (AFP photo)

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Players complete ratification of 10-year deal

WASHINGTON (AFP) - NFL players completed their ratification of a 10-year collective bargaining agreement on Thursday, confirming the end of the labor dispute.

Most of the terms of the agreement to end the NFL's 4 1/2-month lockout were agreed to in July, and league and player representatives met this week to hammer out the last details.

Final language for the contract was in place on Thursday afternoon and by 5 pm Eastern time players had voted to approve.

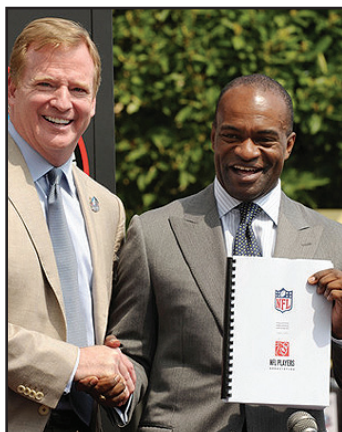
That officially launched the "league year" and allowed players who have inked contracts since July 26 to finally join teammates in practice at training camps.

Among the issues that required further discussion were procedures for player discipline under the league's conduct policy and drug testing.

ESPN.com reported that the deal allows for testing for human growth hormone (HGH). Players had been concerned how testing for HGH would be carried out and an appeal process for suspensions. They must still sign off on the procedures.

Owners and players agreed on most terms on July 25, when NFL player representatives voted unanimously in favor of the new deal.

A majority of all NFL play-



Commissioner of the National Football League, Roger Goodell and Director of the National Football League Players' Association, DeMaurice Smith pose with the new Collective Bargaining Agreement on the front steps of the Pro Football Hall of Fame

ers then had to vote within 10 days to re-establish the NFL Players Association as a trade union and then to accept the deal.

The league's first shutdown since 1987 began when millionaire players and billionaire team owners could not agree on how to divide \$9.3 billion in annual revenues. Owners opted in 2008 to end the deal this year.

The new contract will not have an early opt-out clause but would allow expansion from 16 to 18 games a season per club as soon as 2013, provided the players agree to such a move.

I love Fabregas and want him to stay, says Wenger

LONDON (AFP) - Arsene Wenger insisted again on Friday that he wants unsettled Arsenal skipper Cesc Fabregas to resist Barcelona's attentions and stay with the club even if the Spaniard will miss the start of the new season.

Barcelona's latest attempt to lure Fabregas to the Nou

Camp was rejected on Friday with Sky Sports claiming Arsenal were standing firm on the £40 million (45 million euro) price tag they have placed on the midfielder.

European champions Barcelona had already failed with an offer of around £30 million (34.4 million euro), and

an improved reported bid of 29 million euros plus six million euros in future add-ons has also failed to tempt the Gunners.

"I love Fabregas and I want him to stay, that is basically it. Everybody is free to think what they want. We cannot stop people raising questions," said Wenger.



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